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'WITHIN ONE WEEK'

TRUMP SAYS CHICAGO POLICE COULD STOP VIOLENT CRIME PROBLEM WITH TOUGHER TACTICS



By Leonor Vivanco | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Presidential candidate Donald Trump discussed Chicago's crime problem during an appearance Monday on "The O'Reilly Factor," saying he spoke to a Chicago police officer who said he could stop the problem quickly using tough tactics.

In an interview on the Fox News show, Trump reiterated his comments about Chicago crime being "out of control" after host Bill O'Reilly asked if he knew that homicides were up this year.

As of Monday morning, homicides totaled about 460, nearly 30 less than the total for all of 2015, according to Tribune reporting. So far this year, at least 2,702 people have been shot in Chicago, according to data kept by the Tribune. All of last year, there were 2,988 shooting victims.

On the show, Trump said the Chicago police force does not have "the right people in charge."

The question for Trump centered on how to solve the crime problem plaguing the city.

"How? By being very much tougher than they are right now. They're right now not tough. I could tell you this very long and quite boring story. But when I was in Chicago, I got to meet a couple of very top police. I said, 'How do you stop this? How do you stop this? If you were put in charge'—to a specific person—"do you think you could stop it?" He said, "Mr. Trump, I'd be able to stop it in one week." And I believed him 100 percent," Trump said.

When O'Reilly asked whether the unnamed officer told him how, Trump said, "No, he wants to use tough police tactics, which is OK when you have people being killed."

Chicago police maintain that community

policing and stricter gun laws are key to fighting crime.

"The best way to address crime is through a commitment to community policing and a commitment to stronger laws to keep illegal guns and repeat violent offenders off the street," spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in an email. He added that "no one in the senior command at CPD has ever met with Donald Trump or a member of his campaign."

Trump's camp said Tuesday that Trump did not specifically say the officer was in senior command. "Mr. Trump spoke with some talented and dedicated police officers on a prior visit," Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks said in an email.

Police tactics have been front and center in Chicago in the past year, with Officer Jason Van Dyke charged with murder last November in the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. Just last week, the Police Depart-

ment announced plans to seek the firing of seven officers for allegedly lying about the McDonald shooting. The release of a video of the shooting set off major protests in Chicago and prompted the U.S. Justice Department to launch a civil rights investigation of Chicago police. That federal probe is ongoing.

The TV exchange continued with O'Reilly telling Trump, "You have to have a warrant to arrest people. You can't beat them up. You have to have a warrant to arrest them."

Trump responded: "All I know is this. I went to a top police officer in Chicago, who is not the police chief, and I could see by the way he was dealing with his people, he was a rough, tough guy. They respected him greatly... He said, 'Mr. Trump, within one week, we could stop much of this horror show that's going on.'"

When pressed, Trump said the officer didn't say exactly how. "No, and I didn't ask him because I'm not the mayor of Chicago."

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As company MBA support drops, schools get creative

By Ally Marotti | BLUE SKY INNOVATION

When Bain & Company's consultants go back to school full-time for an MBA, jobs are waiting for them when they return. And graduation comes debt-free, since the consulting firm covers all of their tuition.

But Bain's all-in support seems to be more of an anomaly these days.

Before the Great Recession, many companies would at least help pay for employees' MBAs. The support dropped markedly after 2011, according to data from the Graduate Management Admission Council, the non-profit organization that owns the Graduate Management Admission Test, or GMAT.

Sixty-eight percent of companies responding to a GMAC survey helped pay for employees' part-time MBAs in 2011, and 57 percent helped pay for executive MBAs. By 2013, that had dropped to 30 percent and 26 percent, respectively.

Although data indicates those numbers may be rising, university experts say sponsorship looks a lot different than it used to.

"[Companies] have become much more hard-nosed about the return on their investments," said Krishna Erramilli, associate dean at Illinois Tech's Stuart School of Business. "They're saying, 'What's in it for me?'"

Illinois Tech is usually able to work something out with those companies—that's a perk of having a smaller MBA program, Erramilli said. The school can craft student projects around a problem the company is facing, and it's looking into creating independent studies in which students can focus on topics more relevant to their sponsoring company.

It's also launching an accelerated MBA this year. Classes are held on Saturdays, to accommodate students who can't get out of work in time for evening MBA classes, Erramilli said.

DePaul University is adapting by taking its MBA program straight to Chicago-area busi-

nesses' own conference rooms.

The university's Corporate and Employer Outreach initiative lets companies offer MBA courses to employees on-site after work, said Suzanne Depeder, associate vice president of graduate and adult admission at DePaul and head of the initiative.

"To retain those high-potential employees, [companies] have to figure out what are those incentives or those benefits in order to keep them there," Depeder said. "[This program] is saying, 'We're offering you an MBA in our conference room down the hall after you get done with work at 5 p.m.'"

The program launched two years ago and has 22 Chicago-area partners, including Walgreens, Fifth-Third Bank and medical supply company Medline. It's not just the flexibility that attracts companies to the program, Depeder said, it's the financial assistance that comes with it.

DePaul offers scholarships to the students in the MBA cohorts. Add that to the tuition reimbursement most of the partner companies provide their employees, and students are able to significantly reduce the \$72,000 it typically costs to get an MBA from DePaul.

"Every company's achievement is ultimately from their human resources," she said. "It's never been more critical for them to attract and motivate and be able to keep these bright and talented people."

That hanging-on-to-talent aspect has become especially challenging, since younger workers are gaining the reputation of switching jobs and industries more willingly, said Nathan Allen, staff reporter at Poets and Quants, a news site that covers business schools.

"Companies don't want to spend that type of money if they think that a person is just going to be gone in a year or two," he said. "The stereotypical Millennial ... is not one to stick in the same place for too long."



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All things considered, it's not surprising that more than a million homeowners have already used a government-insured Home Equity Conversion Mortgage or "HECM" (more commonly known as a reverse mortgage loan) to turn their home equity into extra cash for retirement.

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paint the interior and will have the exterior painted within a few days. My house is starting to look like my home again and it feels good," says Carter.

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ILLINI QUARTERBACK WILL INDEED RIP HIS TEAMMATES—BUT ONLY WHEN NECESSARY

By Shannon Ryan | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

At Illinois, quarterback Wes Lunt is known as the calm constant.

Despite the turmoil last season of coaching changes and scandal around the program, Lunt never appeared rattled by the situation, never got down on himself through an injury-marred 2014 season, never was brusque with teammates on the sideline.

"The position of quarterback, you have to be even-keeled through the ups and downs," Lunt said. "It's been a true test. You feel a lot of emotions inside, but you have to stay confident for everybody."

"There's 100 guys counting on you. What you say or how you react can affect what other people feel, so I've tried to do a good job of staying on an even keel and really positive about everything."

Lunt will lead Illinois into the Lovie Smith era when the season begins Sept. 3 against Murray State. The former Oklahoma State transfer threw for 2,761 yards as a junior in 2015 with 14 touchdowns and six interceptions as the Illini went 5-7.

While calm and collected, Lunt said that's

not always his personality.

"I don't know if [fans and media] see it all the time, but I do yell," he said. "There's a time and place to do it. I don't like to be seen doing it and look like a lunatic yelling at people. It's a thing between players. We're brothers out there. I expect someone to yell at me the same way. It's more about high expectations to execute the plays."

Sophomore receiver Desmond Cain confirmed that Lunt demands much from his teammates.

"When it's time to get focused and make sure we're doing the right thing, he will let us know," Cain said. "He doesn't care if we're tired. We have a job to finish, we need to finish it."

Cain mentioned a recent practice in which "some of the guys were out there pouting about being tired."

"Wes came over and ripped them a new one," Cain said. "He said, 'Who cares if you're tired. You have to push deep.'"

Lunt said he learned the art of discretion early in his career. During high school in Rochester, Ill., he yelled at one of his best friends, a

receiver, in front of others and regretted it.

"I learned that in high school—kind of a time and place to yell, more positives than negatives," he said. "I got on [my friend] a few times and I remember thinking I shouldn't have done that. ... I knew I should have presented it in a different way."

Lunt will be without his top receiver from last season after Geronimo Allison completed his eligibility. He's again without his 2014 go-to receiver after Mike Duke suffered a second straight ACL injury in spring practice. But he's confident the receiving corps with Justin Hardee, Malik Turner and Cain will provide a spark.

Smith sounds grateful to have Lunt at the helm of the offense. He showed the team video of the end of the Nebraska game last season, when Lunt led the Illini on two fourth-quarter touchdown drives for a 14-13 victory.

"He can make all the throws," Smith said. "He makes great decisions. He's smart, full control of the offense. Our players believe in him. When you need to make a play, he's going to do it. I buy into him as our leader. We buy into him leading our team."



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and play Game 2 at Wrigley on Oct. 8. Should they reach the National League Championship Series, they will host their opponent starting Oct. 15.

And if they reach the World Series, the American League champ will host the Cubs starting Oct. 25; games 3, 4 and 5 (the latter if necessary) will be at Wrigley on Oct. 28, 29 and 30.

HOT DATE Tuesday

That's when WTTW-Ch. 11 (aka PBS in Chicago) will air "85: The Greatest Team In Pro Football History," a documentary featuring the Super Bowl champion Bears. The film includes interviews with Mike Ditka, Otis Wilson, Steve McMichael, Mike Singletary, Jim McMahon, President Obama, Jeremy Piven and more. "They were crazy," Ditka says in the movie. "I was crazy when I was a player off the field, too. They were crazy, but that's OK." Just as crazy is we STILL can't get enough of this team. Catch it at 7:30 p.m.



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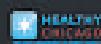


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Emily Nejad is living the sweet life with her custom cake business Bon Vivant

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By Lisa Arnett | FOR REDEYE

Doctors see people when they're sick. Lawyers see people when they're in trouble. In Emily Nejad's line of work, her customers come to her to celebrate the very happiest of life's occasions.

For the 30-year-old Lincoln Square resident, that's one of the best parts about owning her own custom cake business, Bon Vivant Cakes. "I get to swoop in and be a part of the most fun moments in their lives," Nejad said.

Nejad launched Bon Vivant last fall and has since been perfecting her signature style: Think toweringly tall cakes with colorful marbled buttercream, decadent ganache cascading down the sides and a crown of adornments ranging from glittery rock candy to gold-brushed Oreos.

"I chose the name Bon Vivant because it's a French term and it means a person who lives well," Nejad said. "You want to live large and live fabulously and lavish in the finest things that life has to offer."

Channeling creativity

Bon Vivant is Nejad's latest creative outlet, but not her first. She studied musical theater at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., with plans to pursue it for a living. "Being a musician is a hard career, but making it in musical

theater is like winning the lottery," she said. "I got out of school and I was like ... 'OK, maybe not.'"

She switched gears and teamed up with her best friend (and fellow Ball State musical theater major) Maggie Kubley to form Celine Neon, a high-energy pop duo that plays local venues such as Empty Bottle and Lincoln Hall. To make ends meet along the way, Nejad also waited tables at Three Aces in University Village.

The trials of making it in the music business are in part what led her to baking in the first place. "At that point in time, I was really kind of searching for something," she said. "I got a KitchenAid mixer and started baking for enjoyment, because making anything with your

hands is really satisfying." She baked a cake for a friend's birthday, to rave reviews from the partygoers. "People were like, 'This is amazing. You should sell these cakes.' I was like, 'No, stop. That's ridiculous. I can't do that.'"

As she continued to bake more and more cakes, that idea of going pro marinated in the back of her mind. "The point where I actually started to seriously consider it was when I was at the place where all good ideas come from—I was at Target," she said. "Just roaming the aisles of Target like you do, and ... [I thought], 'Wait a minute, this is an actually good idea.' I called my mom and was like, 'Mom, what do you think about this? Do you think this is a crazy idea?' And she was like, 'No, I think this is a great idea and you should do it.'"



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When you go to my website and fill out an order form, it says, ‘What’s the occasion?’

I added a YOLO option to my menu, and I’m so tickled by all the people who are ordering for YOLO. I’m like, ‘Yas queen! I see you and know you. You are my people.’ It’s so great.”

An Insta-boost

Nejad launched the Bon Vivant website in October 2015 and baked on the side while continuing to wait tables. Prices start at \$40 for her mini-cake of the month, and custom orders go up from there. This spring, business blew up enough for her to bake full-time. The surge can be traced back to a cake that Chicago Food Authority blogger Samantha Roby asked Nejad to create for her friend’s baby shower. Little did Nejad know that the friend was Erica Eckman of foodie blog Everything Erica. “I looked at Instagram the next day and realized ... it was a party of all food and lifestyle bloggers,” Nejad said. The Instagram follows—and the cake orders—started rushing in.

“When you go to my website and fill out an order form, it says, ‘What’s the occasion?’ I added a YOLO option to my menu, and I’m so tickled by all the people who are ordering for YOLO,” she said. “I’m like, ‘Yas queen! I see you and know you. You are my people.’ It’s so great.”

A look at Nejad’s Bon Vivant Instagram account reveals some unlikely inspiration: Along with other bakers and food bloggers, she follows a handful of coral reef and Turkish kilim rug accounts. “[Coral] inspires a lot of the ele-



ments on my cakes. They’re living things, so you have these naturally occurring colors and textures,” she said. “And [as for the rugs], besides the fact that I love them—I want kilims in every square inch of my house—the colors and patterns are really inspirational to me.”

Long live the ’90s

You know how Coco Chanel’s famous motto was to take off one accessory before leaving the house? Nejad prefers to put one more on. She decorates her cakes with the same eye for color and whimsy that she uses to dress herself onstage for Celine Neon and in real life, too. “My style icons are like Lisa Frank and Fran Drescher from ‘The Nanny’ ... Clarissa from ‘Clarissa Explains it All.’ Claudia Kishi from ‘The Baby-Sitters Club,’ ” Nejad said. “I love these really creative and kind of unafraid

and confident sort of women that I really loved when I was that ’90s and 2000s teen.”

Now with the return of ’90s fashion, Nejad is thanking her middle-school self for her foresight. “I saved my favorite pair of overalls from middle school. I was like, I’m going to be first in line [to wear them when they’re back in style],” she said.

Fam jam

Nejad grew up in southern Indiana and also credits her parents for inspiring her to start Bon Vivant. “I get my love of food and baking and creating from my mom. ... She’s like a badass Betty Crocker,” she said. She also has tapped into her mom’s entrepreneurial spirit. With zero restaurant experience, Nejad’s mother decided to open a Mediterranean eatery in Indiana, and it’s become so successful that a second

location is in the works. “I think I’ve really inherited this same characteristic: You get something in your head and you just decide you’re going to do it and somehow it just works.”

As for Nejad’s flair for the dramatic, she gets that from her father. “[He] was a plastics engineer for 30 years, which, objectively, is a pretty boring job, but he has this really incredible eye for design,” she said. “My mom is a white lady. My dad is a fancy Persian man. If you met him, that man is the most fashionable. ... He’s rolling in, looking good, smelling good, glad-handing everyone. My mom is like very sort-of humble and doesn’t like the spotlight and just likes to create things. I’m a very even mix of both of them, and I’m lucky to have two parents who are insanely supportive.”

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6 CHICAGO CONCERTS TO CATCH THIS WEEK

By **Josh Terry** | REDEYE

Another week, another opportunity to spend it at your favorite concert venue. Here's a pretty stacked list of all the awesome acts playing in the city, with a focus on local artists. (Sorry, but do you really need validation from me to go see Bruce Springsteen? Go see Bruce Springsteen.) Anyway, show up to one or six of our show recommendations this week.

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WEDNESDAY

Jimmy Whispers, Twin Hits, Love Is Everything

East Room
2354 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-698-8774

Underground pop genius Jimmy Whispers is leaving Chicago for the sunny skies of Los Angeles, with plans to complete his forthcoming album and start a band. It's a loss for the city, but he'll be back often. There's an opportunity to celebrate the "Summer In Pain" artist on Wednesday with a free show at East Room. His friends in Twin Hits (members of Twin Peaks and Today's Hits) and Love Is Everything also play.

Tickets: Free, 21+

the arrangements are more muscular and rock-oriented. Highlights include "The Roundabout" and the stellar opener "The Halfwit In Me."

Tickets: \$10 at Ticketweb.com, 21+

Tortoise, Homme

Jay Pritzker Pavilion
201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-1168

Homme absolutely killed it at Pitchfork Music Festival, adding in Marrow drummer Matt Carroll and letting their guitar distortion run wild. It's something the songwriting duo of Macie Stewart and Sima Cunningham look to capitalize on once they hit their biggest stage yet in support of local legends Tortoise.

Tickets: Free

FRIDAY

Mike Golden, Kelechi, Ric Wilson

Double Door
1551 N. Damen Ave. 773-489-3160

I've already written a lot about why you should be going to Mike Golden's album release show for "Just Be A Better Person." After all, it was Monday's RedEye print cover story. But nonetheless, check out this promising pop singer following through on his best work to date with openers Ric Wilson, whose upcoming new EP is fantastic, and Atlanta rapper Kelechi.

Tickets: \$12 at Etix.com

SATURDAY

Vic Mensa **The Vic Theatre**

3145 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-472-0449

It's Vic at the Vic for what'll be the 23-year-old local rapper's first Chicago show since his jaw-dropping, politically salient set at Lollapalooza. He's already brought so much promise and energy to his live show, so it's no doubt this one will be a can't-miss performance.

Tickets: \$30 at Ticketfly.com

Amazon plans Chicago-set adaptation of 'The Departed'

By **Shelbie Lynn Bostedt** | REDEYE

In case three (almost four) TV shows specifically about Chicago aren't enough, Amazon is working on bringing us one more.

Warner Bros. TV and Amazon Studios are working to bring the 2006 Oscar-winning film "The Departed" to the small screen, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The film starred Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon and garnered five Oscar nominations and won four Oscars, including Best Director for Martin Scorsese and Best Picture. The series will also draw on the 2002 Hong Kong film "Infernal Affairs," also an inspiration for the Scorsese film.

The series will take place in Chicago, focusing on a young undercover cop tasked with infiltrating a Latino gang that has also planted a mole in the police department. The hourlong drama will follow the two men behind enemy lines, but no roles have been cast as of yet.

The adaptation will be penned by Jason Richman of "Mercy Street," with executive



Jack Nicholson (left) and Matt Damon in 'The Departed'

producers including Roy Lee, Michael Connolly, Graham King and others. Lee originally revealed his plans to adapt the movie for TV back in February, according to THR.

"The Departed" is Amazon's latest venture to expand its streaming services, creating yet another avenue for us to spend our money on just to get our TV fix.

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Yas queen

Amber Rose will reportedly be joining "Dancing With the Stars," according to [eonline.com](#). According to E! News' sources, the model-turned-actress-turned-author-turned-activist will compete for the Mirrorball Trophy on the show's 23rd (damn!) season. The official cast list is set to be released Tuesday on "Good Morning America." Who needs Kanye when you've got killer moves? Boy, bye.

THE DIGIT

\$46M

That's how much Jennifer Lawrence earned in the past year, according to Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid actresses. Lawrence tops the list, ahead of second-place Melissa McCarthy at \$33 million and Scarlett Johansson at \$25 million. According to Forbes, the majority of J.Law's income came from the final "Hunger Games" movie and her upfront payment for the upcoming "Passengers" with Chris Pratt. It's down from 2015's \$52 million, so you better reel in your spending, Jennifer. You don't want to break the bank.



THE QUOTE

... The way he regards love is precious. We have to treat it in a different way. It's more special. You coddle it. So, I didn't know how to regard love the way he does. And I definitely made a lot of mistakes that I see, whether it's co-dependency or people-pleasing. I didn't know how to bring it in. It was always external. I definitely have learned a lot, and no matter what, I will be a better person from that breakup, even though it was so brutal.

—Actress [Courteney Cox](#), talking on NBC's "Running Wild with Bear Grylls" about her relationship with Snow Patrol musician Johnny McDaid, according to [eonline.com](#). The two were engaged for over a year, broke up last year and have since reconciled and gotten back together. Where's Chandler when you need him?

Murphy's Law

Sarah Paulson has been cast in the new Ryan Murphy-led anthology series "Feud." According to [variety.com](#), she'll be playing Oscar-winning actress Geraldine Page in the upcoming FX series about the battle between movie stars Joan Crawford and Bette Davis (Susan Sarandon and Jessica Lange, respectively). Paulson told Variety last year, "There's nothing [Murphy] could ask me to do that I would say no to. Ever." Be careful what you wish for, you could end up back in the asylum.

Another suit for Fox News

Andrea Tantaros, a former Fox News host, has filed a lawsuit against the network, claiming that top executives punished her for bringing attention to alleged sexual harassment by former CEO Roger Ailes, according to [people.com](#). She also says she was on the receiving end of sexual advances from Bill O'Reilly, which is enough to make anybody want to vomit violently. She claims she was taken off the air in retaliation for making complaints, and in the suit she says the network "operates like a sex-fueled, Playboy Mansion-like cult." She's seeking \$49 million in damages, but is any amount really enough to erase the memory of Bill O'Reilly hitting on you? No.



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